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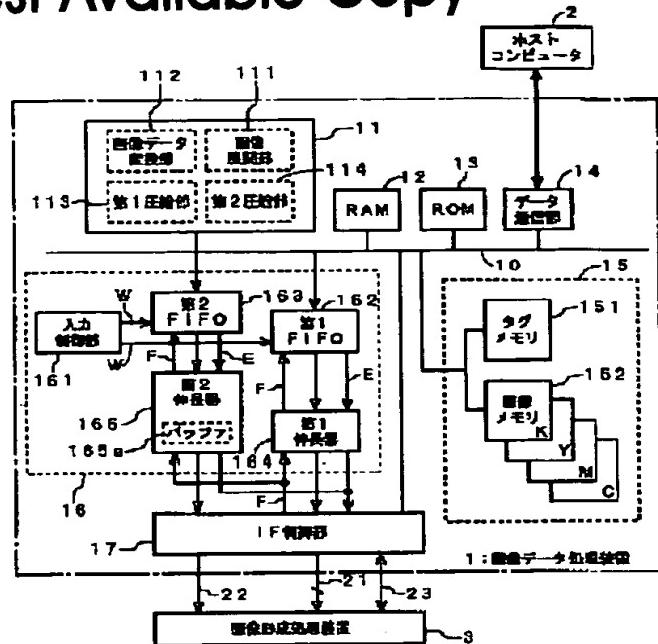
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TITLE : IMAGE PROCESSOR

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**ABSTRACT :** PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an image processor which is capable of attaining a configuration that compresses both the image data and tag data and stores them on an identical memory, without causing the fall of an extending speed.

SOLUTION: This image processor which interprets a file described in the known format, expands it into image data and further produces tag data that shows attributes of a pixel element included in the image data in a pixel unit contains compressing means 113 and 114 which perform the encoding compression of image data and tag data respectively, a common storing means 15 which stores both the compressed image and tag data and an extending means 16 which reads image data and a tag data in time division from the means 15, extends them respectively, associates them in a pixel unit, and outputs them.

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